

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-465

February 7, 2001

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Special Rate
Contract with Marine Spill Response

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, we grant final approval of a Customer Service Agreement (CSA) between Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and Marine Spill Response (Marine Spill).

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On May 30, 2000, CMP filed with this Commission a proposed CSA with Marine Spill. This CSA supercedes a previous CSA that provided unbundled pricing and expired in May (granted temporary approval by Order of the Acting Director of Technical Analysis dated March 8, 2000 in Docket No. 2000-191).¹ On June 22, 2000, the instant CSA was granted temporary approval by the Acting Director of Technical Analysis.² The Order granting temporary approval made no finding as to the reasonableness of this Agreement and indicated that such a determination would be made after a more thorough review of its terms.

We have since conducted a review of the contract terms. Based on our review, we have determined that this CSA is reasonable. Therefore, we grant final approval of this Agreement pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 703(3-A).

¹Pursuant to the terms of the temporary approval, final approval is applicable to the going-forward period of the contract only. Therefore, because the CSA granted temporary approval in Docket No. 2000-191 has already expired, there is no need to grant final approval of it.

² In Docket No. 2000-164, the Commission delegated its authority under 35-A, M.R.S.A. § 107(4) to the Director (or Acting Director) of the Division of Technical Analysis to grant temporary approval of contracts modified to allow for transmission and distribution-only service.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 7th day of February, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:

Welch
Nugent
Diamond

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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